IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of claims in this application.

Claims 1-14 (canceled).

15. (new) A method for electrically conductive connection of at least two wires provided with an insulating lacquer, comprising the steps of:

at least partially enclosing the wires, in a region in which the wires are to be connected, in an electrically conductive material; and

subjecting the region to ultrasound, whereby the insulating lacquer of the wires is broken away, and a fixed connection is caused between the electrically conductive material and the wires, simultaneously with an electrically conductive connection between the wires.

16. (new) A method according to claim 15, wherein a plurality of lacquered wires and at least one uninsulated conductor are partially enclosed by the material.

17. (new) A method according to claim 15, wherein the electrically conductive material is in the form of a sleeve or a cup.

18. (new) A method according to claim 15, wherein the electrically conductive material is an inherently rigid material.

19. (new) A method according to claim 15, wherein the electrically conductive material is a flexible material.

20. (new) A method according to claim 19, wherein the flexible material is a mesh.

21. (new) A method according to claim 15, wherein the material is at least partially connected in form-fitting manner with at least two lacquered wires.

22. (new) A method according to claim 15, wherein the material is at least partially connected in force-fitting

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manner with at least two lacquered wires, and the joined wires and conductor are connected to a conductive carrier by ultrasound welding.

23. (new) A method according to claim 15, wherein the wires comprise a conductive core of aluminum or copper.

24. (new) A method according to claim 15, wherein the electrically conductive comprises copper.

25. (new) A method according to claim 15, wherein at least one work tool of an ultrasound welding machine is used to apply the ultrasound.

26. (new) A method according to claim 15, wherein the electrically conductive material is a sheet metal strip.

27. (new) A method according to claim 26, wherein the sheet metal strip is crimped around the wires.

28. (new) A method according to claim 15, wherein the electrically conductive material comprises a single ply or multiple ply strip material wound around the lacquered wires.

29. (new) A method according to claim 1, wherein the electrically conductive material comprises a preformed open receptacle.

30. (new) A method according to claim 29, wherein the open receptacle has a U-, circular or trapezoid-shaped cross-section.

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